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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 7, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 7, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and response and request reconsideration of the claims pending in this application for the reasons set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.